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**REPLY UNDER
37 CFR § 1.116**

EXPEDITED PROCEDURE

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:)
Chyi-Cheng CHEN et al.) Examiner: B. Kwon
Serial No.: 09/738,610) Art Unit: 1614
Filed: December 15, 2000)
For: **L-ASCORBIC ACID AND PECTIN**)
COMPOSITION)

New York, New York
June 7, 2004

RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action mailed March 5, 2004, which set a three-month shortened statutory period for response. Accordingly, this response is filed timely upon mailing, with an executed certificate of mailing, on or before June 7, 2004 because June 5, 2004 was a Saturday. 37 CFR §§ 1.7 and 1.8. No fee is believed to be due. If it is determined that a fee is due, please charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 02-4467. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Application No.: 09/738,610
Amendment Dated: June 7, 2004
Reply to Office Action Dated: March 5, 2004

Because the Office Action made the rejection of the pending claims final, consideration of this response pursuant to the expedited procedure for response after final rejection set forth in MPEP § 714.13 (8th Ed., Rev. 1, February 2003, pp. 700-209 to 700-210) respectfully is solicited.

Please amend the application as follows:

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS are reflected in the listing of claims, which begins on page 3 of this paper.

REMARKS begin on page 7 of this paper.